from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on the subject matter.

Meaning of taje-taja jal in Food Adulteration Rules, 1995

†2976. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that meaning of taje-taja jal used on page 2 and 3 or 'fresh water' printed on pages 4 and 5 in rule 32(a) Section (b) of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, published on 4th April, 2001 under GSR 245 (a) in Gazette of India, Part-2, Section 3, sub-section (1) Serial No. 166, is not clear anywhere in the whole notification;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The words "fresh water or marine animal" have to be read as a phrase. The phrase "fresh water or marine animal" means an animal that lives in fresh water as against one that is a marine animal *i.e.* "fresh water animal or marine animal".

Infection cases during operations

†2977. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of infection in patients during operations are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase in such cases;

(c) whether Government have issued guidelines to prevent such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) the names of such hospitals and nursing homes which have not followed these guidelines; and

(f) the manner in which Government are trying to prevent such cases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (f) In so far as Central Government Hopsitals *viz.*, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC and Associated Hospitals are concerned, there is no increase of infection in patients during the operations. Adequate measures are being taken to prevent such infection. Periodical samples are taken from the operation theatres for culture and sensitivity test to assess the presence of any bacteria. Besides, an infection control committee is in existence in each of the Central Government Hospitals and periodical meeting are carried out to assess the prevalence of any specific nosocomial infection. No specific data of infection for patients during the operation in the country is available. The National AIDS Control Organisation has issued a standard operative procedures on Hospital Associated Infection to States AIDS Control Societies for wider circulation. The operative manual envisages various preventive measures including infrastructure of Laboratory, knowledge, attitude and practices to be adopted by the Health Care Workers while performing hospital, procedures disinfection and disposal of infectious material and post exposure management.

Sale of recycled hospital waste

2978. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals/nursing homes in the country without proper incinerating facilities for the waste disposals, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that hospital wastes are recycled and sold again in the market posing serious health hazards; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?